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UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS HIGH IN APRIL

The Texas actual unemployment rate was almost unchanged from March to April, inching upward from 8.2 percent to 8.3 percent over the month. The number of jobless Texans increased by 11,900 to a total of 680,300 in April, while total employment rose moderately to a level of 7,527,600. The current unemployment rate of 8.3 percent was very close to the year-ago Statewide rate of 8.2 percent.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the Texas rate rose from 7.9 percent in March to 8.6 percent in April, very close to the February level and little different from the April 1986 rate of 8.5 percent. The U. S. rates in both series continued to be about two percentage points below the Texas rates. In the actual series, the National rate dropped from 6.9 percent in March to 6.2 percent in April, while the seasonally adjusted rate slid downward from 6.6 percent in March to 6.3 percent in April.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,347.0	118,353.0	116,316.0
Unemployment	7,306.0	8,124.0	8,115.0
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.9	7.0
Total Employment	111,041.0	110,229.0	108,201.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,335.0	119,222.0	117,292.0
Unemployment	7,500.0	7,854.0	8,323.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.6	7.1
Total Employment	111,835.0	111,368.0	108,969.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,207.9	8,106.8	8,031.9
Unemployment	680.3	668.4	656.2
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.2	8.2
Total Employment	7,527.6	7,438.4	7,375.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,267.0	8,134.0	8,091.0
Unemployment	715.0	640.0	691.0
Percent Unemployed	8.6	7.9	8.5
Total Employment	7,552.0	7,494.0	7,400.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS COUNT RISES

The estimate of nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 10,300 between March and April, to a total of 6,487,200. The growth was spread through several industry sectors, as only three major industry groups recorded losses in April. In spite of the moderate month-to-month increase, however, the count of nonfarm salaried jobs had declined by 144,700 from April 1986, with decreases in all but two major sectors.

A large number of layoffs in banking and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers pushed employment in finance, insurance and real estate down by 1,000 over the month. This industry group has lost 9,400 jobs during the past year, for a 2.1 percent decline.

Although cutbacks continued in both mining and construction in April, the losses in both segments were minor. The deletions in construction slowed substantially in April, as only 500 jobs were lost; and in mining, an estimated 600 positions were

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr. '87*	Mar. '87**	Apr. '86**	Apr. '87*	Mar. '87**	Apr. '86**	Apr. '87*	Mar. '87**	Apr. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,100	50,000	51,900	77,200	77,100	78,900	362,300	362,200	364,500
Manufacturing	4,700	4,700	5,100	9,900	9,800	9,700	39,200	39,600	40,600
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,700	1,300	1,300	1,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,600	3,800	3,900	3,800	20,100	20,400	24,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	5,500	5,500	6,200	11,400	11,400	11,100
Trade	14,100	14,100	14,400	22,700	22,600	22,900	80,200	80,200	81,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,200	4,400	4,500	25,400	25,400	25,600
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,300	13,500	16,400	16,100	16,000	84,100	83,800	83,000
Government	8,300	8,300	8,400	13,400	13,500	14,100	100,900	100,400	97,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,500	126,700	130,500	57,100	56,500	58,500	65,300	65,600	66,000
Manufacturing	24,200	23,900	25,500	15,100	15,200	16,100	9,400	9,500	9,200
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,900	1,300	1,300	1,800	100	100	100
Construction	7,200	7,600	7,400	5,800	5,700	6,000	2,600	2,700	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,500	10,000	2,200	2,200	2,400	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	31,500	31,100	32,600	11,000	11,000	11,300	17,700	17,700	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,500	5,500	2,100	2,000	2,200	3,400	3,400	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,900	27,400	27,600	8,000	7,700	7,800	13,600	13,700	13,300
Government	20,100	20,100	20,000	11,600	11,400	10,900	15,500	15,500	15,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	47,900	48,200	49,700	129,100	128,900	131,200	1,313.1	1,313.1	1,343.4
Manufacturing	2,900	2,800	3,300	11,800	11,900	12,100	223.0	223.1	227.8
Mining	800	700	800	5,900	6,000	6,700	19.1	19.1	22.0
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,600	7,500	7,600	8,800	65.4	66.5	85.7
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,700	7,100	7,200	6,900	86.2	85.9	86.4
Trade	10,900	10,900	11,100	34,400	33,900	34,300	352.5	352.8	357.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,900	6,900	6,900	6,900	130.9	130.7	131.8
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,800	8,100	28,200	28,100	27,800	286.4	285.2	289.3
Government	20,200	20,600	20,200	27,300	27,300	27,700	149.6	149.8	142.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	185,400	184,000	183,100	514,600	512,700	511,800	69,600	68,900	72,600
Manufacturing	34,700	34,300	35,400	114,000	114,100	112,100	9,200	9,000	9,600
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,900	400	400	600
Construction	9,600	9,700	9,700	30,500	30,100	32,200	3,500	3,600	5,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	9,700	9,800	27,400	27,400	26,300	4,600	4,600	4,900
Trade	45,200	45,100	44,500	134,000	133,800	136,500	13,600	13,300	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	10,000	9,800	9,700	28,600	28,200	28,800	4,300	4,400	4,400
Services & Misc.	35,900	35,300	34,900	112,300	111,400	108,000	13,200	12,900	13,000
Government	40,100	40,000	38,900	64,400	64,300	64,000	20,800	20,700	20,900

deleted. Despite these modest over-the-month declines, however, mining and construction combined have been responsible for 60 percent of the total drop in nonagricultural wage and salary employment during the past 12 months. Construction has decreased by 59,700, or 14 percent, since April 1986; and mining is down 26,500, or 12 percent, over the year.

Trade has lost 27,700 jobs during the last year, a 1.6 percent decrease. In April, however, the retail portion of trade provided the largest of the increases among nonmanufacturing industries, with 7,400 additional jobs. Continued losses in the wholesale sector reduced the overall trade growth to 5,600 in April. A seasonal upturn in eating and drinking places added 3,300 jobs to the trade total, while general merchandise stores increased by 2,000 and food stores added another 1,300 jobs.

Transportation and public utilities is the only private sector which has exhibited over-the-year expansion, with 1,900 additional jobs since April 1986. This increase has been fueled by growth in air transportation, which has registered strong gains; but additions in that industry were partially nullified by losses in all other sectors of this group. Employment in transportation and public utilities accelerated by 2,300 in April, as firms in transportation by air and water transportation augmented their payrolls by 2,100 and electric, gas and sanitary services recorded a modest increase.

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Industry	Apr. '87*	Mar. '87**	Apr. '86**	Apr. '87*	Mar. '87**	Apr. '86**	Apr. '87*	Mar. '87**	Apr. '86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,370.3	1,372.1	1,426.0	68,100	67,700	68,200	35,100	35,300	34,900
Manufacturing	147.0	147.7	158.3	8,400	8,500	8,800	1,800	1,900	1,800
Mining	62.9	63.1	75.6	100	100	100	2,000	2,000	1,800
Construction	84.1	83.6	95.8	3,700	3,600	4,000	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	91.3	91.1	95.3	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,000	3,900	3,900
Trade	348.4	348.6	363.4	16,100	15,900	16,100	9,900	10,100	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.4	101.1	105.2	3,000	3,000	3,200	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	344.9	345.6	341.2	14,100	14,000	13,400	6,000	6,000	5,700
Government	191.3	191.3	191.2	19,900	19,800	12,800	8,500	8,500	8,300
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL									
TOTAL	64,800	64,600	66,700	90,700	90,700	91,500	88,800	88,800	87,800
Manufacturing	14,900	14,900	15,400	7,400	7,300	7,500	12,800	12,800	11,400
Mining	3,600	3,600	4,100	300	300	300	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	3,100	3,000	3,500	3,000	3,200	4,300	4,600	4,600	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,500	4,500	4,800	2,900	2,900	2,900
Trade	17,200	17,000	17,500	27,700	27,500	27,000	26,100	26,000	26,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,300	3,300	5,300	5,300	5,600	3,800	3,800	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,300	11,300	20,800	20,800	20,200	13,700	13,800	13,900
Government	8,300	8,400	8,500	21,700	21,800	21,800	23,900	23,900	23,200
MIDLAND									
TOTAL	43,800	44,100	47,000	43,400	43,400	47,700	36,500	36,800	37,700
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,600	3,600	3,500	4,200	5,700	5,800	5,700
Mining	8,600	8,800	10,000	6,100	6,200	7,300	600	600	700
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,800	2,300	2,400	3,000	1,800	1,900	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	10,500	10,600	10,900	13,000	12,900	14,100	9,300	9,400	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,000	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,800	9,100	7,000	7,100	7,600	7,600	7,500	7,700
Government	6,500	6,400	6,300	7,700	7,700	7,600	6,500	6,600	6,700
SAN ANTONIO									
TOTAL	496,300	493,100	497,700	37,800	37,800	38,000	44,700	44,400	44,900
Manufacturing	45,800	45,400	48,600	11,000	11,100	11,600	7,100	7,100	7,200
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,900	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,600	31,600	36,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,400	1,400	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,200	18,900	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	130,500	129,400	128,200	8,600	8,600	8,300	10,900	10,700	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,300	39,100	38,400	1,500	1,400	1,500	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	118,400	116,700	115,400	7,600	7,600	7,500	9,100	9,000	8,900
Government	110,000	110,100	108,500	5,100	5,100	5,100	12,500	12,500	12,200
TYLER									
TOTAL	60,000	59,700	61,900	28,200	27,800	28,300	78,100	77,900	78,500
Manufacturing	10,800	10,900	11,600	3,000	2,900	3,000	14,500	14,500	15,500
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,200	1,800	1,700	2,000	100	100	200
Construction	2,700	2,600	3,000	2,000	1,900	2,000	4,000	3,800	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	16,300	16,000	16,500	8,000	7,800	8,000	19,200	19,200	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,800	4,900	4,900	4,700
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,200	13,100	5,800	6,000	5,800	19,700	19,700	19,400
Government	8,800	8,800	8,900	4,600	4,500	4,400	12,400	12,400	12,300
WICHITA FALLS									
TOTAL	50,200	50,300	51,100	30,200	30,200	30,200	30,200	30,200	30,200
Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	8,300	8,100	8,200	8,300	8,100	8,200	8,300
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,400	2,000	2,000	2,400	2,000	2,000	2,400
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,400	12,300	12,400	12,400	12,300	12,400	12,400	12,300	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,500
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	11,000	11,100	11,100	11,000	11,100	11,100	11,000
Government	9,500	9,600	9,600	9,500	9,600	9,600	9,500	9,600	9,600

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

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Industry			Change From		Change From
	Apr. 1987*	Mar. 1987**	Apr. 1986**	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,487,200	6,476,900	6,631,900	10,300	-144,700
Manufacturing	946,100	944,600	966,100	1,500	-20,000
Durable Goods	547,100	545,700	562,000	1,400	-14,900
Lumber & Wood Products	37,000	36,800	38,100	200	-1,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,200	6,900	100	400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,800	17,500	-100	-800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,000	43,900	48,800	100	-4,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,600	19,500	22,300	100	-2,700
Primary Metal Industries	27,900	27,700	29,600	200	-1,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,300	74,100	78,700	200	-4,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,100	37,300	39,500	-200	-2,400
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,500	102,100	112,700	-600	-11,200
Oil Field Machinery	23,200	23,300	31,900	-100	-8,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	120,000	119,700	117,300	300	2,700
Transportation Equipment	90,500	89,600	83,100	900	7,400
Aircraft & Parts	51,700	51,400	44,100	300	7,600
Instruments & Related Products	22,300	22,100	22,900	200	-600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	12,900	13,300	0	-400
Nondurable Goods	399,000	398,900	404,100	100	-5,100
Food & Kindred Products	96,700	97,400	94,400	-700	2,300
Meat Products	27,400	27,500	26,200	-100	1,200
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Bakery Products	10,700	11,000	10,700	-300	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,100	4,500	100	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	49,600	49,200	54,300	400	-4,700
Paper & Allied Products	23,500	23,400	23,100	100	400
Printing & Publishing	77,400	77,300	77,200	100	200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,400	39,100	39,200	300	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,200	73,300	75,800	-100	-2,600
Petroleum & Coal Products	33,000	33,100	34,800	-100	-1,800
Petroleum Refining	29,700	29,800	31,400	-100	-1,700
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,000	7,100	100	0
Other Nondurable Goods	34,300	34,100	32,900	200	1,400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,541,100	5,532,300	5,665,800	8,800	-124,700
Mining	188,700	189,300	215,200	-600	-26,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,400	10,600	0	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	178,300	178,900	204,600	-600	-26,300
Construction	367,600	368,100	427,300	-500	-59,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,000	373,700	374,100	2,300	1,900
Railroad Transportation	20,600	20,500	22,300	100	-1,700
Transportation, Except Railroads	193,400	191,300	186,700	2,100	6,700
Transportation by Air	54,200	53,100	46,700	1,100	7,500
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,400	85,500	87,600	-100	-2,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,600	76,400	77,500	200	-900
Electric Services	42,600	42,500	43,000	100	-400
Gas Production & Distribution	26,800	26,800	27,400	0	-600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,652,300	1,646,700	1,680,000	5,600	-27,700
Wholesale Trade	411,300	413,100	434,900	-1,800	-23,600
Retail Trade	1,241,000	1,233,600	1,245,100	7,400	-4,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	45,200	44,400	52,200	800	-7,000
General Merchandise Stores	163,100	161,100	157,700	2,000	5,400
Food Stores	233,500	232,200	227,100	1,300	6,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,000	131,900	136,500	100	-4,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,800	81,100	82,700	-300	-1,900
Eating & Drinking Places	401,400	398,100	400,300	3,300	1,100
Other Retail Trade	185,000	184,800	188,600	200	-3,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	439,500	440,500	448,900	-1,000	-9,400
Banking	97,500	98,000	105,500	-500	-8,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	135,900	136,500	135,600	-600	300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,100	206,000	207,800	100	-1,700
Services	1,365,100	1,362,800	1,377,300	2,300	-12,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,100	86,300	86,400	-200	-300
Personal Services	81,400	81,600	82,500	-200	-1,100
Business & Repair Services	357,900	357,100	375,600	800	-17,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	49,200	49,200	53,100	0	-3,900
Health Services	382,600	381,200	366,300	1,400	16,300
Educational Services	72,700	72,700	72,800	0	-100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	335,200	334,700	340,600	500	-5,400
Total Government	1,151,900	1,151,200	1,143,000	700	8,900
Total Federal Government	192,300	192,200	192,700	100	-400
Total State Government	250,700	251,300	236,800	-600	13,900
Total Local Government	708,900	707,700	713,500	1,200	-4,600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	Apr. '87*	Mar. '87**	Apr. '86**	Apr. '87*	Mar. '87**	Apr. '86**	Apr. '87*	Mar. '87**	Apr. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	55,000	55,100	99,100	97,700	97,300	435,500	430,700	415,400
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,600	4,400	6,000	5,900	6,100	26,200	25,800	19,800
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.4	8.0	6.1	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.0	4.8
Total Employment 2/	50,900	50,400	50,700	93,100	91,800	91,200	409,300	404,900	395,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,900	157,500	161,500	80,700	79,500	79,600	94,500	93,300	93,000
Total Unemployment	20,700	19,200	22,800	7,500	7,400	7,900	13,200	12,900	14,100
Percent Unemployed	12.9	12.2	14.1	9.3	9.3	9.9	14.0	13.8	15.2
Total Employment 2/	140,200	138,300	138,700	73,200	72,100	71,700	81,300	80,400	78,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,700	57,000	57,400	168,000	165,000	163,400	1,422.9	1,403.5	1,384.6
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,200	3,200	19,300	18,600	17,900	88.2	80.8	71.9
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.6	5.6	11.5	11.3	11.0	6.2	5.8	5.2
Total Employment 2/	54,400	53,800	54,200	148,700	146,400	145,500	1,334.7	1,322.7	1,312.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	228,400	224,800	217,600	672,800	659,300	643,200	106,500	103,700	106,800
Total Unemployment	23,400	22,800	23,400	46,300	41,700	43,800	10,700	10,700	11,200
Percent Unemployed	10.2	10.1	10.8	6.9	6.3	6.8	10.0	10.3	10.5
Total Employment 2/	205,000	202,000	194,200	626,500	617,600	599,400	95,800	93,000	95,600
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,583.5	1,571.5	1,588.5	90,100	89,100	86,400	45,200	45,300	43,300
Total Unemployment	143.3	141.7	145.7	6,600	6,500	6,000	7,000	7,500	6,800
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.0	9.2	7.3	7.3	6.9	15.5	16.6	15.7
Total Employment 2/	1,440.2	1,429.8	1,442.8	83,500	82,600	80,400	38,200	37,800	36,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,100	78,200	80,000	111,200	109,800	108,500	143,700	144,300	139,400
Total Unemployment	8,300	8,100	9,500	6,700	6,500	7,100	23,500	26,200	24,300
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.4	11.9	6.0	5.9	6.5	16.4	18.2	17.4
Total Employment 2/	70,800	70,100	70,500	104,500	103,300	101,400	120,200	118,100	115,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,600	50,400	52,000	56,500	56,500	59,200	45,700	45,200	45,100
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,700	4,600	7,000	7,100	6,900	2,800	2,800	2,900
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.3	8.8	12.4	12.6	11.7	6.1	6.2	6.4
Total Employment 2/	45,800	45,700	47,400	49,500	49,400	52,300	42,900	42,400	42,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	596,300	587,000	567,200	49,100	48,500	46,900	56,500	55,900	56,100
Total Unemployment	44,700	44,600	35,500	3,600	3,700	2,900	4,800	4,800	5,200
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.6	6.3	7.3	7.6	6.2	8.5	8.6	9.3
Total Employment 2/	551,600	542,400	531,700	45,500	44,800	44,000	51,700	51,100	50,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,800	75,200	74,400	38,000	37,400	37,100	92,600	91,300	89,200
Total Unemployment	6,500	6,400	5,700	3,300	3,400	3,600	7,100	6,900	6,400
Percent Unemployed	8.6	8.5	7.7	8.7	9.1	9.7	7.7	7.6	7.2
Total Employment 2/	69,300	68,800	68,700	34,700	34,000	33,500	85,500	84,400	82,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,200	56,800	56,000				8,207.9	8,106.8	8,031.9
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,400	4,400				680.3	668.4	656.2
Percent Unemployed	7.7	7.7	7.9				8.3	8.2	8.2
Total Employment 2/	52,800	52,400	51,600				7,527.6	7,438.4	7,375.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. ± 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. ± 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. ± 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$ 406.48	\$ 405.41	\$ 396.07	41.1	41.2	41.3	\$ 9.89	\$ 9.84	\$ 9.59
Durable Goods	398.96	398.27	388.86	41.3	41.4	41.5	9.66	9.62	9.37
Lumber & Wood Products	274.19	278.64	286.21	40.5	40.5	41.6	6.77	6.88	6.88
Furniture & Fixtures	254.13	251.81	212.95	39.4	38.8	38.3	6.45	6.49	5.56
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	401.72	390.87	387.63	44.0	43.0	44.2	9.13	9.09	8.77
Primary Metal Industries	414.00	423.94	420.25	40.0	41.0	40.1	10.35	10.34	10.48
Fabricated Metal Products	364.10	368.51	352.00	40.5	40.9	40.0	8.99	9.01	8.80
Machinery, exc. Electric	414.32	413.28	416.22	40.9	41.0	42.0	10.13	10.08	9.91
Oil Field Machinery	507.78	496.51	498.19	42.0	41.0	41.9	12.09	12.11	11.89
Electric & Electronic Equip.	433.02	435.02	421.60	42.0	42.4	42.5	10.31	10.26	9.92
Transportation Equipment	535.43	530.19	516.23	42.8	43.0	41.8	12.51	12.33	12.35
Instruments & Related Prod.	340.10	359.88	340.35	38.3	40.3	39.9	8.88	8.93	8.53
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	265.34	250.58	248.20	38.4	37.4	38.6	6.91	6.70	6.43
Nondurable Goods	416.97	412.49	404.67	41.0	40.8	41.0	10.17	10.11	9.87
Food & Kindred Products	343.17	344.81	346.93	41.0	41.0	41.9	8.37	8.41	8.28
Meat Products	263.25	270.18	286.06	38.6	39.1	41.7	6.82	6.91	6.86
Malt Beverages	786.79	805.71	800.16	46.2	46.6	47.6	17.03	17.29	16.81
Textile Mill Products	313.28	324.97	301.71	44.5	45.9	43.6	7.04	7.08	6.92
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	188.32	186.56	190.17	35.2	35.2	36.5	5.35	5.30	5.21
Paper & Allied Products	463.76	451.56	448.49	43.1	42.6	43.0	10.76	10.60	10.43
Printing & Publishing	383.96	380.44	379.37	39.3	39.1	39.6	9.77	9.73	9.58
Chemicals & Allied Products	667.92	650.38	628.40	44.0	43.1	43.1	15.18	15.09	14.58
Petroleum & Coal Products	656.84	655.12	642.86	43.1	43.1	42.8	15.24	15.20	15.02
Petroleum Refining	682.41	681.11	669.08	43.3	43.3	43.0	15.76	15.73	15.56
Leather & Leather Products	212.98	218.44	206.45	37.3	38.8	37.4	5.71	5.63	5.52
Other Nondurable Goods	388.51	392.49	376.23	44.3	44.5	42.9	8.77	8.82	8.77
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	472.35	475.94	511.09	40.2	40.3	42.1	11.75	11.81	12.14
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	534.45	539.57	428.07	43.7	44.3	38.6	12.23	12.18	11.09
Oil & Gas Extraction	467.23	472.38	517.28	39.9	40.1	42.4	11.71	11.78	12.20
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	479.50	477.85	473.21	39.4	39.2	39.5	12.17	12.19	11.98
Elec., Gas & San. Services	432.83	423.26	466.75	39.6	38.2	40.8	10.93	11.08	11.44
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.72	222.92	226.37	32.2	31.8	32.2	7.01	7.01	7.03
Wholesale Trade	383.38	381.23	379.37	39.2	39.1	39.6	9.78	9.75	9.58
Retail Trade	178.49	174.94	176.71	30.1	29.6	29.8	5.93	5.91	5.93
General Merchandise Stores	184.90	180.20	182.88	28.8	28.2	28.8	6.42	6.39	6.35
Banking	262.02	263.54	264.22	36.8	36.3	37.8	7.12	7.26	6.99
HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS									
DALLAS									
Manufacturing	\$ 401.44	\$ 402.36	\$ 393.54	41.6	42.0	42.0	\$ 9.65	\$ 9.58	\$ 9.37
Durable Goods	427.98	430.78	415.53	42.0	42.4	42.1	10.19	10.16	9.87
Nondurable Goods	357.06	356.04	356.12	40.9	41.4	41.7	8.73	8.60	8.54
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	399.27	405.90	395.50	40.7	41.0	41.5	9.81	9.90	9.53
Durable Goods	418.82	424.15	411.84	40.9	41.1	41.6	10.24	10.32	9.90
Nondurable Goods	349.80	357.69	352.26	40.3	40.6	41.2	8.68	8.81	8.55
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	484.01	483.41	466.62	43.1	43.2	42.0	11.23	11.19	11.11
Durable Goods	413.45	413.88	404.21	42.8	42.8	41.5	9.66	9.67	9.74
Nondurable Goods	562.03	561.57	545.28	43.3	43.6	42.7	12.98	12.88	12.77
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	313.18	308.25	296.79	41.1	41.1	40.6	7.62	7.50	7.31
Durable Goods	340.23	329.33	321.40	39.7	39.3	41.1	8.57	8.38	7.82
Nondurable Goods	287.47	287.43	273.36	42.4	42.9	40.2	6.78	6.70	6.80

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Similar over-the-month growth was reported in services, due primarily to a sizeable gain in health services as hospitals added workers. Smaller advances were noted in business and repair services and in other services and miscellaneous, as landscaping and horticultural activities picked up. Services, which has been the fastest-growing industry in Texas, recorded a downturn from April 1986, however, as 12,200 jobs were lost. An estimated 17,700 positions were deleted in business and repair services over the year; and strong growth in health services was insufficient to overcome those declines.

Government gained only 700 jobs in April, as an increase of 1,200 in local government was partially offset by a decline of 600 in state government. Government has increased by 8,900 during the past year.

In manufacturing, job growth in April was concentrated in the durable goods sector, which rose by 1,400. Much of this increase was due to small but widespread gains throughout durable goods. In fact, the only downturns in this segment in April were a decrease of 600 in nonelectrical machinery and a modest drop in furniture and fixtures. The largest growth occurred in transportation equipment, where defense contracts continued to provide stability.

Interspersed gains and losses left nondurable goods up only 100 over the month. Apparel and other finished textile products exhibited the biggest advance, with 400 additional jobs, while food and kindred products lost 700 jobs, due in part to a seasonal layoff in preserved fruits and vegetables. Other changes from March to April were smaller.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS RISE

There were an estimated 608,600 Texas manufacturing production workers in April, up 1,800 from the March estimate. The average production worker in April was working a 41.1-hour week at \$9.89 per hour, for weekly earnings averaging \$406.48. Weekly hours worked were down 0.1 hour, while hourly earnings rose 5¢ over the month. The durable goods sector was responsible for the drop in weekly hours, as hours in nondurables rose slightly.

Compared to year-ago estimates, although weekly hours had declined by 0.2 hour, average hourly earnings had risen 40¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by \$10.41 from the April 1986 level.

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	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1986
Total Population	16,912,200	16,602,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.8	2.2
UI Covered Employers	315,327	315,443
Total Claims Actions	799,227	771,212
Total Initial Claims Actions	76,900	96,920
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	722,327	674,292
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$157.51	\$157.10
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	\$102,386,215	\$92,710,363
Total Placements	28,085	31,134

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